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Federal Regulatory  
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RE: *Bell Atlantic Corp. and GTE Corp., CC Docket No. 98-184*

Dear Ms. May:

This letter addresses Verizon's request for the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) to remove Nevada from the *Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order's* Carrier-to-Carrier Performance Plan (Performance Plan).<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the *Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order*, the Performance Plan is effective in each Verizon state until one of three conditions is satisfied, including a finding by the Bureau Chief that a state commission has adopted a comprehensive performance plan.<sup>2</sup> As the Bureau previously stated, in making its determination of whether a state plan is comprehensive, the Bureau will consider whether a state plan omits any performance measurements or categories of measurements deemed important by the Bureau; the amount of potential liability under the plan; the plan's duration; and the frequency of updates to the state plan.<sup>3</sup> In its request, Verizon states that the Nevada Performance Incentive Plan (Nevada Plan) measures, standards and remedies, including both dollar amounts and methods of calculation, under the Nevada Plan are identical to the Performance Plan in all material ways.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, pursuant to the *Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order*, Verizon's request is granted effective with the next month to be reported.<sup>5</sup>

If Verizon disagrees with any of this letter's guidance, it may file an application for review with the Commission pursuant to section 1.115 of the Commission's rules.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See *Application of GTE Corp., Transferor, and Bell Atlantic Corp., Transferee, For Consent to Transfer Control of Domestic and International Sections 214 and 310 Authorizations and Applications to Transfer Control of a Submarine Cable Landing License*, CC Docket 98-184, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 15 FCC Rcd 14032 (2000) (*Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> Letter from Carol E. Matthey, Deputy Chief, Common Carrier Bureau to Jeff Ward, Senior Vice President-Regulatory Compliance, Verizon Communications, CC Docket No. 98-184 (Jan. 8, 2002).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> See *Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order*, 15 FCC Rcd 14032 at App. D, Attach. A.

<sup>6</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.115.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance. In addition, you may contact Bill Dever, Assistant Division Chief, Competition Policy Division in the Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-1578.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau